

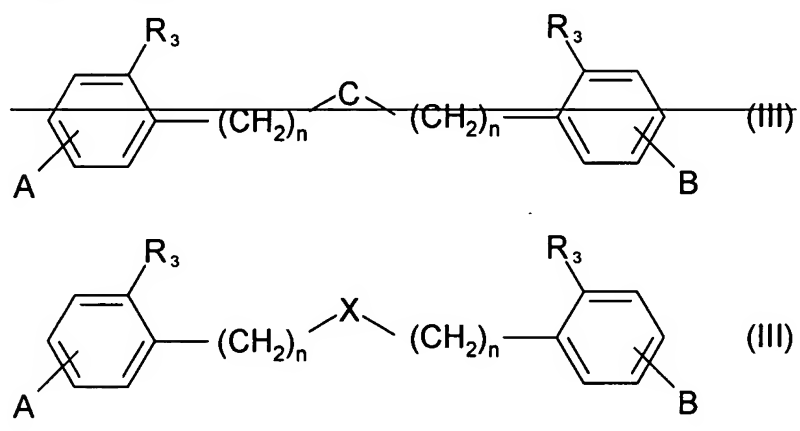
## AMENDMENTS

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

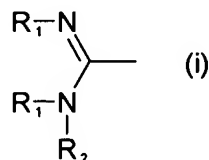
Please replace the paragraph starting at page 8, line 24 and proceeding through page 10, line 19 with the following paragraph:

A third group of compounds useful for carrying out the present invention are those having formula III:



wherein:

A and B are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, oxyalkyl, nitro, amino, aminoalkyl, halo, hydroxy, carboxy, and substituents of formula (i):

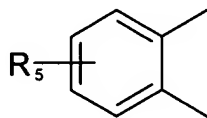


subject to the proviso that at least one of A and B is a compound of formula (i);

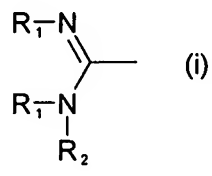
$R_1$  and  $R_2$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, loweralkyl, oxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl and alkylaminoalkyl; or two  $R_1$  groups on the same amidine group together represent  $-(CH_2)_m-$  wherein m is 2, 3, or 4;

~~R<sub>3</sub> is H, loweralkyl, oxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl or halogen;~~

or two R<sub>1</sub> groups on the same amidine group together represent



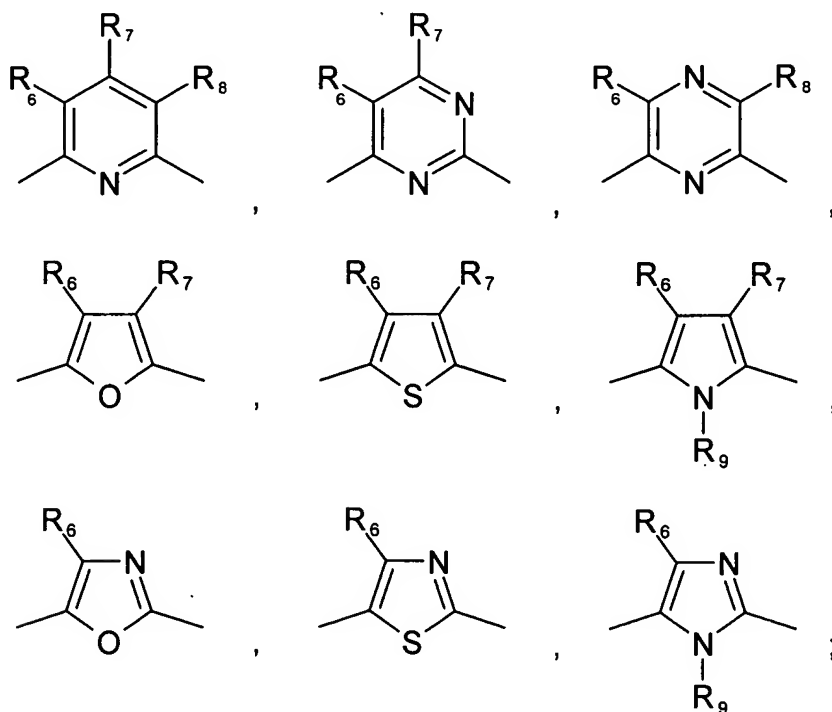
wherein R<sub>5</sub> is



R<sub>3</sub> is H, loweralkyl, oxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, or halogen;

n is an integer from 0 to 2; and

[[A]]X is CH<sub>2</sub>O or is a heterocyclic aromatic group selected from the group consisting of:



wherein

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$R_6$ ,  $R_7$ , and  $R_8$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, loweralkyl, halogen, oxyalkyl, oxyaryl, or oxyarylalkyl;  
 $R_9$  is hydrogen, loweralkyl, hydroxy, aminoalkyl, or alkylaminoalkyl;  
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.